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Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Programme 1
Political affairs

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of the overall orientation (revision of para. 1.3 and addition of a new para. 1.4) and modification of subprogramme 1 (para. 1.6), subprogramme 2 (paras. 1.11 and 1.12), subprogramme 3 (paras. 1.14 and 1.15), subprogramme 4 (paras. 1.22-1.24) and subprogramme 5 (para. 1.28).

4. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 (Introduction, A/56/6 (Sects. 1-33), A/56/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/56/6/Corr.1. It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

5. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

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Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 1, Political affairs

Overall orientation

1.3 The Department will **continue to** [*changed to indicate continuity of action*] strive in particular to reinforce the Organization's capacity for early warning, good offices and non-military measures to prevent disputes from escalating into conflicts, as well as to resolve conflicts that have erupted, while fully respecting the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Member States and the principles of non-intervention in matters that are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State and of consent, which is an essential element for the success of such efforts. The Department will also endeavour to enhance its capacity with regard to the political aspects of peace-building, as approved by the relevant intergovernmental bodies.

Add a new paragraph 1.4 as follows:

1.4 In its capacity as the lead department on the subject of terrorism, the Department of Political Affairs will work with the Office of Legal Affairs, the Department for Disarmament Affairs and other members of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security, as well as other parts of the United Nations system, to review alternative courses of action for the United Nations system; prepare consolidated policy advice to the Secretary-General on the subject of terrorism; and coordinate any follow-up required on decisions taken by the Secretary-General. [*changed to reflect the additional mandate arising from Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)*]

Renumber old paragraphs 1.4 to 1.28 accordingly.

Subprogramme 1
Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts

Strategy

1.7 [*old paragraph 1.6*] Within the Department of Political Affairs, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the regional divisions, assisted by the Policy Planning Unit. Political developments relevant to international peace and security worldwide will be monitored and assessed for the purpose of identifying options and formulating recommendations on the role that the United Nations may be called upon to play in the prevention, control and resolution of conflicts as well as in the area of post-conflict peace-building activities. Activities of the subprogramme will also involve assistance in the preparation of and participation in special missions (fact-finding, goodwill, good offices) dispatched by the Security Council or by the Secretary-General. To this end, information collection and analysis and early warning activities with respect to potential and actual conflicts that threaten international peace and security will be undertaken and utilized to enhance the capacity of the Secretariat, Member States and intergovernmental organizations, especially regional organizations with which the United Nations cooperates, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter and where permitted given the mandate and scope of regional arrangements and agencies, to ensure the maintenance of international peace and security. Pursuant to decisions of the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, and with the agreement of the Member States concerned where appropriate, action will be taken to organize, direct and execute special political missions as and when necessary. **The Department of Political Affairs will also have the primary responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of armed conflict (A/55/985-S/2001/574 and Corr.1) as may be decided upon by relevant intergovernmental bodies. To this end, the Department of Political Affairs will work closely with other relevant parts of the United Nations system. Support will be provided, as necessary, to the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa and other General Assembly bodies.** [*changed to reflect the decisions of the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/281 and 56/37*]

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

Expected accomplishments

1.12 [*old paragraph 1.11*] The technical capacity of Member States requesting assistance for the conduct of elections in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions **of the General Assembly and the Security Council** would be enhanced. [*changed to reflect the text approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Indicators of achievement

1.13 [*old paragraph 1.12*] ~~An indicator~~ **Indicators** of achievement would be the provision of electoral assistance to the Member States in response to their request **and increased transparency and accountability of electoral processes of Member States requesting assistance for the conduct of elections**. [*changed to reflect indicator (ii) in table 3.12 of the proposed programme budget for 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Subprogramme 3
Security Council affairs

Strategy

1.15 [*old paragraph 1.14*] Within the Department, the responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Security Council Affairs Division, which will provide support to the Security Council and its subsidiary organs, in particular the sanctions committees, **the Counter-Terrorism Committee** [*changed to reflect Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)*], fact-finding missions and informal working groups, and to the Military Staff Committee. Substantive support will take the form of provision of advice in accordance with the Charter, the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Council's decisions and past practice; research and analysis; preparation of reports; follow-up of the implementation of the Council's decisions; the timely issuance of parliamentary documentation and communications in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and its programme of work; liaison with presiding officers and members; and effective coordination of the meetings of the Council and its consultations and of meetings of subsidiary organs and working groups. **Support will also be provided to the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its work, as well as to expert monitoring groups and panels, such as the Monitoring Mechanism on Sanctions against UNITA and the Monitoring Group on Afghanistan established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1363 (2001).** [*changed to reflect Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), as well as other relevant resolutions of the Council establishing expert monitoring groups and panels*] Substantive support will also include research and analysis in connection with the implementation and effectiveness of mandatory measures or sanctions imposed by the Council, and their impact on the population in target and third countries. In view of this impact, the evolution of the concept of "smart" sanctions, including the use and implementation of targeted financial sanctions, arms embargoes, travel bans and other similar measures will continue to be addressed, keeping in view Article 50 of the Charter. Special economic problems of affected third States will also be duly taken into account. Work will also continue to be undertaken on the constitutional and procedural issues related to the interpretation and application of the Charter and the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure for the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and on the relevant Articles of the Charter for the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*.

Expected accomplishments

1.16 [*old paragraph 1.15*] **Deliberations and** decision-making by the Security Council **and its subsidiary organs** would be facilitated through effective substantive services and support. [*changes derived from table 3.14 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

Expected accomplishments

1.23 [*old paragraph 1.22*] ~~Accomplishments would be the provision of services to the Special Committee, its seminars and the General Assembly; the production of effective research, analytical studies and reports on conditions in the Territories; the execution of effective publicity campaigns; and the provision of efficient assistance by specialized~~

~~agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations to the people in Non-Self-Governing Territories.~~ **Accomplishments would be the strengthened capacity of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the General Assembly to discharge their decolonization mandate.** ~~[~~*changes derived from table 3.16 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*~~]~~

1.24 ~~[~~*old paragraph 1.23*~~]~~ ~~Accomplishments would also include~~ **the** ~~progress made in the decolonization process in accordance with United Nations resolutions;~~ **the increased or sustained access to information on the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the objectives of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and relevant resolutions on decolonization by Member States and specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations as well as other users; and the assistance received by peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.** ~~[~~*changes derived from table 3.16 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*~~]~~

Indicators of achievement

1.25 [*old paragraph 1.24*] **Indicators of achievement would be the extent to which the Special Committee is satisfied with services provided to enable it to discharge its mandate; the increase in number of requests for information on decolonization; and the sustained assistance from specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations provided to the Non-Self-Governing Territories.** [*changes derived from table 3.16 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

~~(a) The effectiveness of servicing provided to the Special Committee, its seminars and the General Assembly; the effectiveness of research and analytical studies and reports on conditions in the Territories; the effectiveness of publicity campaigns; and the efficiency of assistance from specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations to the people in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;~~

~~(b) The degree of satisfaction expressed by Member States with services provided by the Secretariat;~~

~~(c) The level of progress made in the decolonization process in accordance with United Nations resolutions.~~

Subprogramme 5
Question of Palestine

Indicators of achievement

1.29 [*old paragraph 1.28*] ~~An indicator~~ **Indicators of** achievement would be an increase in the level of support from the international community for the subprogramme's objectives, **including the sustained dialogue and engagement of relevant actors, such as Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations on all aspects of the question of Palestine."** [*changes derived from table 3.18 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Legislative mandates

Subprogramme 1
Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts

General Assembly resolutions

~~54/186~~ **56/231** Situation of human rights in Myanmar

55/22 **Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States**

55/161 **Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly**

55/217 **Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa**

55/281 **Prevention of armed conflict**

56/37 **Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa**

56/41 **Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum**

Security Council resolution

1366 (2001) **Concerning prevention of armed conflict**

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

~~54/173~~ **56/159** Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

General Assembly resolutions

1541 (XV) **Principles which should guide members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter**

55/146 **Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism**

~~54/83~~ **56/65** Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations

~~54/84~~ **56/66** Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories

~~54/85~~ **56/67** Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

~~54/86~~ **56/68**	Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories
~~54/91~~ **56/69**	**Question of Western Sahara**
56/70	**Question of New Caledonia**
56/71	**Question of Tokelau**
56/72	**Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands**
~~54/92~~ **56/73**	Dissemination of information on decolonization

General Assembly decisions

56/420	**Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration**
56/421	**Question of Gibraltar**

Subprogramme 5
Question of Palestine

General Assembly resolutions

~~54/39~~ **56/33**	Committee on the Exercise of Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
~~54/40~~**56/34**	Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat
~~54/41~~**56/35**	Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat
~~54/42~~ **56/36**	Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine

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Programme 2
Disarmament

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of subprogrammes 1, 2 and 3 (paragraphs 2.11, 2.14, 2.16, 2.17, 2.19 and 2.23); and addition of a new paragraph 2.21 under subprogramme 3. The revisions to subprogrammes 2 and 3 reflect action taken by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/24 T and V of 29 November 2001 on multilateral cooperation in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation and global efforts against terrorism and on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects as well as the changes to the programme narratives of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (Sect. 4) contained in annex I to General Assembly resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001.

4. The revisions proposed herein have not been reviewed by the United Nations Disarmament Commission, as the 2002 sessions of this intergovernmental body had not yet taken place at the time the present document was prepared.

5. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 (Introduction, Sects. 1-

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33 and Income sects. 1-3). It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

6. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 2, Disarmament

Subprogramme 1
Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament

Indicators of achievement

2.11 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) The degree of satisfaction expressed by Member States for **the efficiency and effectiveness of** the services provided by the Secretariat to the Conference on Disarmament, review conferences and other relevant meetings of States parties to multilateral agreements on disarmament [*General Assembly resolution 56/253, Annex I*];

(b) The effective and full implementation of the existing multilateral arms limitation and disarmament treaties by States parties;

(c) An increase in the number of applicants for the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme and wider representation of Member States in the Programme and greater support for the Disarmament Fellowship Programme by Member States.

Subprogramme 2
Weapons of mass destruction

2.14 In order to strengthen and consolidate existing treaties in the area of weapons of mass destruction, as mandated, the Branch will:

(a) Assist States parties and interested States in their efforts to achieve their full implementation of multilateral agreements related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons;

(b) Promote confidence in the effectiveness of the treaty regimes;

(c) Enhance its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and international treaty organizations such as the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(d) Assist Member States in their efforts in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation with a view to contributing to global efforts against terrorism. [*new mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 56/24 T*]

Expected accomplishments

2.16 The expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Facilitation of deliberations and negotiations on disarmament issues **and on matters** related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, by Member States in a smooth and efficient manner; [*General Assembly resolution 56/253, annex I*]

(b) Greater awareness and understanding of States of new trends and developments on specific issues related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons;

(c) Enhanced multilateral cooperation in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation as a contribution to global efforts against terrorism. [*new mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 56/24 T*]

Indicators of achievement

2.17 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) Satisfaction expressed by States parties for the assistance provided, **including substantive and organizational support, for the** ~~in fuller~~ implementation of agreements in the field of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. **This would include sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference and ad hoc meetings;** [*General Assembly resolution 56/253, annex I*]

(b) Increased utilization by Member States and others in their deliberations of the information provided by the Branch;

(c) Increased and more efficient support to efforts aimed at eliminating weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons;

(d) Greater awareness of States of the close connection between progress in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation and global efforts against terrorism. [*new mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 56/24 T*]

Subprogramme 3
Conventional arms (including practical disarmament measures)

Strategy

2.19 The subprogramme is implemented by the Conventional Arms (including Practical Disarmament Measures) Branch. In response to the concerns expressed by Member States and in accordance with the mandates given by those States, the Branch will carry out the following activities:

(a) Provide advice and assistance on issues related to conventional weapons, as well as on practical disarmament measures to States affected by the excessive and destabilizing accumulation of and illicit trafficking in and manufacture of small arms and light weapons, at their request;

(b) Promote cooperation and coordination, within the United Nations system, of strategies on small arms and light weapons, through the mechanism for Coordinating Action on Small Arms;

(c) Promote cooperation, collaboration and confidence-building measures among interested Member States in the field of conventional arms;

(d) Promote the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. [*new mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 56/24 V*]

2.21 The Branch will also, through expert group meetings and workshops, promote and facilitate the subregional, regional and international cooperation and coordination aimed at enhancing the capacity of States to combat the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. [*new mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 56/24 V*]

Renumber old paragraphs 2.21 to 2.31 accordingly.

Indicators of achievement

2.23 [*old paragraph 2.22*] Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) Further development of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and the standardized instrument for reporting military expenditures and an increase in the number of Member States participating in them;

(b) An increase in the number of effective regional initiatives combating illicit trafficking of small arms;

(c) An increased number of requests by Member States for assistance in developing and implementing weapons collection and destruction programmes;

(d) Satisfaction expressed by States for the assistance provided in the implementation of conventional disarmament initiatives, including the Programme of Action adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. [*new mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 56/24 V*]

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Programme 3. Peacekeeping operations

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2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of the overall orientation (para. 3.3) and of subprogramme 1 (paras. 3.7 and 3.8), subprogramme 2 (title and paras. 3.9-3.13) and subprogramme 3 (paras. 3.15, 3.17 and 3.18) and the addition of a new subprogramme 4, Mine action coordination. The revision to the overall orientation and subprogrammes 1 to 3 and the addition of a new subprogramme 4 reflect action taken by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/225 and 56/241 of 24 December 2001 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and resolution 56/253 of the same date on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Consultations were carried out with the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations during its substantive sessions in 2002.

4. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 (Introduction), A/56/6 (Sects. 1-33), A/56/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/56/6/Corr.1. It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

5. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

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Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 3, Peacekeeping operations

Overall orientation

3.3 The Department will ensure a continuous flow of information to and from Member States in all phases of peacekeeping operations, disseminate information to troop contributors in an effective and timely manner to enable them to make informed decisions on their participation in peacekeeping operations, continue to develop and implement innovative strategies for the participation of female personnel on ~~a broad~~ **as wide a** geographical basis **as possible**, in all aspects of peacekeeping operations, **but without affecting the troop-contributing countries in taking their sovereign decisions on the composition of their units deployed to peacekeeping operations within the mission's specific guidelines and as agreed upon by troop-contributing countries**, and maintain cooperation with other related activities of the United Nations system. Particular attention will be given to enhancing the safety and security of peacekeepers in the field. *[changes reflect annex I to resolution 56/253 in respect of paragraph 5.3 of the budget, revised to fit the language of the medium-term plan]*

Subprogramme 1 Operations

Expected accomplishments

3.7 Expected accomplishments would include the reduction and/or cessation of hostilities in areas of conflict through the fulfilment of Security Council mandates where peacekeeping operations are deployed **and an increased understanding and recognition of gender issues in peacekeeping operations.** *[changed to align with table 5.9, item (b), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

3.8 Indicators of achievement would include an **increase in the number** ~~enumeration~~ of instances of compliance by the parties to conflict with Security Council mandates; **an increase in the number of instances of compliance by the parties to conflict with** ~~or~~ ceasefire and peace agreements that the parties to conflict reach among themselves; **and the extent to which gender issues are identified and addressed in peacekeeping missions.** *[changed to align with table 5.9 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 56/253]*

Subprogramme 2 Mission support ~~Field administration, logistics support and mine action coordination~~

[Reflects a change in nomenclature whereby the Office of Mission Support and the Mine Action Service replaced the Office of Logistics, Management and Mine Action and the organizational structure was changed so that the responsibility for mine action coordination was transferred from subprogramme 2 to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mine action coordination is being proposed as a new subprogramme 4. The objectives, strategy, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement related to mine action coordination are thus proposed to be transferred to the new subprogramme.]

Objective

3.9 The objective of the subprogramme is to ensure timely and effective administrative and logistical support to peacekeeping operations, as well as other activities in the field authorized by the United Nations~~, and an effective, proactive and coordinated response to threats from landmines and unexploded ordnance~~. *[moved to new subprogramme 4]*

Strategy

3.10 Within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the **Office of Mission Support** ~~Field Administration and Logistics Division and the Mine Action Service~~. *[due to change in*

nomenclature and organizational structure. See also General Assembly resolutions 56/225 and 56/241]

Move paragraph 3.11 to proposed new subprogramme 4 (see para. 3.19 below).

Renumber old paragraphs 3.12 to 3.18 accordingly.

Expected accomplishments

3.11 *[old paragraph 3.12]* Expected accomplishments would include ~~improved~~ **increased** operational readiness **through better planning and deployment** ~~and effective management~~ of field missions **and better management of field missions by meeting their needs.** ~~and the reduction of landmine and unexploded ordnance contamination~~. *[changed to align with table 5.11, items (a) and (b), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

3.12 *[old paragraph 3.13]* Indicators of achievement would include ~~a reduction in the time lag between the adoption of resolutions and the deployment of civilian personnel and equipment to field missions;~~ **the degree of completeness of mission start-up kits; an increased percentage of field missions receiving immediate operational requirements on the required date;** a reduction in the duration of the liquidation process; **and the** timeliness ~~in~~ **of** the processing **and settling** of claims **of troop-contributing countries by the Claims and Information Management Section of the Office of Mission Support.** ~~; and increased mine action capacity in countries where mines constitute a serious threat.~~ *[changed to align with table 5.11, items (a) and (b), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253, and in annex I to the resolution]*

Subprogramme 3
Military and civilian police advice and planning

Strategy

3.14 *[old paragraph 3.15]* Within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Military **Division** and **the** Civilian Police Division. *[The remainder of the paragraph is unchanged. Change is due to the revised nomenclature and organizational structure. See also General Assembly resolutions 56/225 and 56/241.]*

Expected accomplishments

3.16 *[old paragraph 3.17]* Expected accomplishments would include ~~rapid response in the deployment of trained~~ **the effective establishment of** military and civilian police **components** ~~to~~ **of** peacekeeping operations and ~~operational readiness in responding to various conflict situations~~ **improved capacity for decision-making on military and civilian police components of peacekeeping missions**. *[changed to align with table 5.13 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

3.17 *[old paragraph 3.18]* Indicators of achievement would include a reduction in **response time for** the ~~amount of time involved in the recruitment and~~ deployment of military and civilian police **components; an increase in the number of Member States contributing to the standby arrangements; increased consultations with Member States; and increased utilization of the standby arrangement system**. *[changed to align with table 5.13 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Subprogramme 4
Mine action coordination *[New]*

Objective

Add a new paragraph 3.18 as follows:

3.18 The objective of the subprogramme is to ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated response to threats from landmines and unexploded ordnance. *[derived from paragraph 3.9 of the medium-term plan]*

Strategy

Insert old paragraph 3.11, as revised below, as new paragraph 3.19:

3.19 Within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Mine Action Service. The subprogramme will ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated United Nations response to mine

infestation throughout the Organization's humanitarian, social and economic assistance activities. It will serve as the focal point within the United Nations system for mine-related activities, namely, facilitation of a coherent and constructive dialogue between the United Nations and relevant actors on mine clearance, awareness and assistance; the collection, analysis and dissemination, through transparent and recognized sources, of mine-related information, including information on safety standards; advocacy to promote awareness of the serious threat that the indiscriminate use of landmines constitutes to the safety, health and lives of local populations; and the development and implementation of a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy. It will, in coordination with other organizations in the United Nations system, develop policies on the establishment of mine-clearance capacities in countries requesting a reduction in landmine contamination where mines constitute a serious threat to the safety, health and lives of the population. Assessment missions and surveys will be undertaken to establish priorities and oversight. Where appropriate, the subprogramme will develop mine-action programmes in support of peacekeeping missions and, as required, initiate mine-action plans in humanitarian emergencies.

Expected accomplishments

Add a new paragraph 3.20 as follows:

3.20 Expected accomplishments would include the reduction of the threat posed by landmines and unexploded ordnance in affected countries. *[derived from paragraph 3.12 of the medium-term plan and table 5.11, item (c), of budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

Add a new paragraph 3.21 as follows:

3.21 Indicators of achievement would include clearer knowledge of the global landmine and unexploded ordnance threat and an increased capacity for mine action in affected countries. *[derived from paragraph 3.13 of the medium-term plan and table 5.11, item (c), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Legislative mandates

Programme 3
Peacekeeping operations

General Assembly resolutions

~~53/12~~ **55/271**	Support account for peacekeeping operations
~~54/81~~ **56/225 and 56/241**	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Subprogramme 4
Mine action coordination ***[New]***

General Assembly resolutions

~~54/191~~ **56/219**	Assistance in mine action